

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 6, 2002. Claims 1-35 are presented for examination. Claims 1, 8, 10, 12, 14, 19, 21, 23, 25, 30, 32, and 34 have been amended to define more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention. Claims 1, 8, 10, 12, 14, 19, 21, 23, 25, 30, 32, and 34 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,097,429 (*Seeley et al.*), in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,943,478 (*Aggarwal et al.*).

As shown above, Applicant has amended independent Claims 1, 8, 10, 12, 14, 19, 21, 23, 25, 30, 32, and 34 in terms that more clearly define the present invention. Applicant submits that these amended independent claims, together with the remaining claims dependent thereon, are patentably distinct from the cited prior art for at least the following reasons.

The aspect of the present invention set forth in Claim 1 is a server making it possible for a remote client to control image sensing means via a network and providing a transfer service to transfer video information, which has been captured by the image sensing means, to the client via the network. The server includes input means and notification means. The input means enters a request for information, identifying the client to which the video information captured by the image sensing means is transferred, after the video information captured by the image sensing means is transferred. The notification means, responsive to the entered request, reports the information identifying the client.

One important feature of Claim 1 is that the input means enters a request for

information, identifying the client to which the video information captured by the image sensing means is transferred, after the video information captured by the image sensing means is transferred. That is, video information is transferred before there has been a request for information has been entered by the input means. In other words, the input means enters a request for information while the video information captured by the image sensing means is transferred.

The applied art, alone or in combination, is not seen to disclose or suggest the invention as defined by independent Claim 1, particularly with respect to entering a request for information, identifying the client to which the video information captured by the image sensing means is transferred, after the video information captured by the image sensing means is transferred.

Seeley et al., as understood by Applicant, relates to a video security system physically located at a site being protected. In particular, *Seeley et al.* relates to an interface between one or more cameras positioned about the protected site for monitoring purposes, and an alarm unit, as well as the interface between a camera and a remote operator. Apparently, *Seeley et al.* teaches that when the site control unit (SCU) provides an indication of an intruder at a facility, a video communications channel is open between the SCU and the central station (See Column 8, lines 53-67). When a non-imaging sensor triggers an alarm, a system operator can request a visual verification of the alarm condition from the nearest camera (See column 9, lines 6-9). That is, the image captured by a camera is transferred for the first time when an alarm has been triggered. However, nothing has been found in *Seeley et al.* that teaches or suggests input means entering a request for information, identifying the client to which the video information captured by

the image sensing means is transferred, after the video information captured by the image sensing means is transferred.

For at least this reason, independent Claim 1 is believed clearly patentable over *Seeley et al.*, taken alone.

Aggarwal et al. is not seen to add anything to overcome the above-mentioned deficiencies of *Seeley et al.* *Aggarwal et al.*, as understood by Applicant, relates to a system for performing immediate point-to-point messaging over the Internet. Apparently, *Aggarwal et al.* teaches a technique for displaying lists, indicating users that are logged in. Nothing has been found in *Aggarwal et al.* that teaches or suggests input means entering a request for information, identifying the client to which the video information captured by the image sensing means is transferred, after the video information captured by the image sensing means is transferred.

Therefore, even if *Seeley et al.* and *Aggarwal et al.* were to be combined in the manner proposed in the Office Action, assuming such combination would even be permissible, the resulting combination also would fail to teach or suggest at least those features of Claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claim 1 is patentable over *Seeley et al.* and *Aggarwal et al.*, whether considered separately or in combination, and respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Independent Claims 8, 10, and 12 are method, storage medium, and system claims respectively corresponding to server Claim 1, and are believed to be patentable for at least the same reasons as discussed above in connection with Claim 1. Additionally, independent Claims 8, 10, 12, 14, 19, 21, 23, 25, 30, 32, and 34 include a similar feature of

input means entering a request for information, identifying the client to which the video information captured by the image sensing means is transferred, after the video information captured by the image sensing means is transferred, as discussed above in connection with Claim 1. Accordingly, Claims 8, 10, 12, 14, 19, 21, 23, 25, 30, 32, and 34 are believed to be patentable for reasons substantially similar to those discussed above in connection with Claim 1.

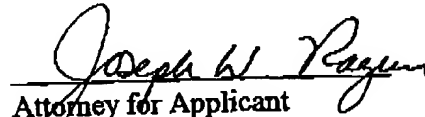
The other rejected claims in this application depend from one or another of the independent claims discussed above, and, therefore, are submitted to be patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, individual reconsideration of the patentability of each claim on its own merits is respectfully requested.

This Amendment After Final Action is believed clearly to place this application in condition for allowance and, therefore, its entry is believed proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment, as an earnest effort to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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